

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
March 14, 2012
MAG Office - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charlie Meyer, Tempe, Chair	John Fischbach, Goodyear
David Cavazos, Phoenix, Vice Chair	* Bill Hernandez, Guadalupe
# Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Kari Kent for Christopher Brady, Mesa
# Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye	Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley
* Gary Neiss, Carefree	Carl Swenson, Peoria
Wayne Anderson for Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	# Patrick Flynn for John Kross, Queen Creek
Rich Dlugas, Chandler	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage	David Richert, Scottsdale
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Chris Hillman, Surprise
# Ken Buchanan, Fountain Hills	# Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Rick Buss, Gila Bend	Joshua Wright, Wickenburg
* David White, Gila River Indian Community	* Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Patrick Banger, Gilbert	Floyd Roehrich for John Halikowski, ADOT
Horatio Skeete for Ed Beasley, Glendale	David Smith, Maricopa County
	Carol Ketcherside for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Meyer at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Meyer welcomed a new member to the Management Committee: Ken Buchanan, the new Fountain Hills Town Manager, who was participating by teleconference. Chair Meyer added that Stephen Cleveland, Chris Hagen, Matt Busby, and Patrick Flynn also were participating in the meeting by teleconference.

Chair Meyer noted that the previously transmitted revised agenda and materials for agenda items 5B, 5C, 5F, 5G, 5H, 5J, 8 and 9 were at each place. He noted that a legislative summary for agenda item 11 was at each place. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, expressed his apologies for the numerous revisions, and he said that efforts were being made to improve.

Chair Meyer announced that public comment cards were available to members of the public who wish to comment. Chair Meyer noted that parking validation was available from staff and transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Meyer stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Meyer noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Committee requests an exception to this limit.

Chair Meyer noted that no public comment cards had been received.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith reported on items of interest in the MAG region. He stated that the deadline for submitting entries for the 2013 Desert Peaks awards is March 16, 2012. Mr. Smith also mentioned that additional judges are needed and names could be submitted to MAG Communications Manager Kelly Taft.

Mr. Smith stated that an event to help establish relationships between local elected officials and the Canada Arizona Business Council will take place on March 30. He noted that local jurisdiction's economic development person also is invited to attend. Mr. Smith stated that so far, eight member agencies have indicated they will attend. He stated that at the April 3, 2012, MAG Economic Development Committee meeting, a report will be provided by the Thunderbird School of Global Management on Mexico and Canada.

Mr. Smith noted upcoming meetings being held at MAG: the Federal Railroad Administration Multistate Rail Planning workshop and the Western High Speed Rail Alliance Board meeting on March 15, 2012, and the Intermountain MPO/TMA meeting on March 16, 2012.

Mr. Smith reported that a study on Grand Avenue will be launched shortly. He noted that the elected officials from the participating agencies along Grand Avenue recently gathered for a photo session and agreement signing. Mr. Smith stated that the agreement will be framed in recognition of the study agreement signing. He commented that this study is preparing a corridor vision and land use.

Chair Meyer thanked Mr. Smith for his report. No questions for Mr. Smith were noted.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Meyer stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, and #5J were on the Consent Agenda. No requests for public comment were received.

Mr. McClendon moved to recommend approval of #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, and #5J. Mr. Bacon seconded. Chair Meyer asked if there was any discussion of the motion. Being none, the vote on the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of February 8, 2012, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the February 8, 2012, meeting minutes.

5B. 2012 Federal Discretionary Grants

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of moving forward with the grant application process with the eight (8) projects that were identified by transit operators as MAG regional projects. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released three Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for bus and bus facility related projects on February 7, 2012. They have short due dates with the first of the three required to be submitted to FTA by March 22. This agenda item was discussed at the MAG Transit Committee on February 9, 2012, and the members suggested that the Transit Operators Working Group meet to discuss project ideas and recommend moving forward with those that: 1) Provide the most benefit to the most individuals in the region - either directly or indirectly, 2) Have the attributes that most closely fit with FTA's funding objectives as stated in the NOFAs. The Transit Operators Working Group met on February 15, 2012, and reviewed 21 project concepts. The group identified eight projects with total project costs approximating \$53 million that best fit the criteria stated above. On March 8, 2012, the MAG Transit Committee voted to recommend approval with moving forward with the grant application process with the eight (8) projects that were identified by transit operators as MAG regional projects.

5C. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The fiscal year (FY) 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified twelve times with the last modification approved February 22, 2012. Since then, there is a need to modify projects in the programs. Tables A and B contain a list of proposed administrative corrections and project changes in the Arterial Life Cycle Program. These modifications are mainly clerical and minor adjustments to financial information. Table C contains project modifications that include redistribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Transportation Enhancement funding, and project deferrals. Transit projects include minor budget adjustments and deferrals to the future.

5D. Consultant Selection for the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan System Study

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended that Burgess and Niple, Inc., be selected to conduct the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan System Study for an amount not to exceed \$850,000. The FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, as amended by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee in October 2011, includes \$850,000 to conduct the US-60/Grand Avenue Corridor Optimization and Access Management Plan System Study. The study would identify a long-term solution for accommodating travel demand and adjacent property access in this corridor. The study will consist of two distinct phases: (1) Corridor Optimization to establish operating principles to improve the effectiveness of traffic operations along US-60/Grand Avenue and (2) an Access Management Plan that will provide a detailed milepost-by-milepost description of adjacent property access to US-60/Grand Avenue. In addition, a corridor-wide vision, goals, and priorities (e.g., economic development, safety, and mobility) will be developed as part of the study. A request for proposals was issued on November 21, 2011, and five proposals were received by the due date of December 19, 2011. A multi-agency review team evaluated the proposals and interviewed three consultant teams. On February 29, 2012, the proposal review team recommended to MAG the selection of Burgess and Niple, Inc., to conduct the study.

5E. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including changes to Arterial Life Cycle Program projects, transit projects, and increased federal funding for several projects from the redistribution of unobligated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program funds. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments were requested by March 23, 2012.

5F. Social Services Block Grant Reductions

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of forwarding the revised FY 2013 Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Economic Security. On February 22, 2012, the MAG Regional Council approved that the FY 2013 Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Allocation Recommendations be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Following the action of the Regional Council, the Arizona Department of Economic Security requested that the allocations be revised to reflect a 3.6 percent decrease or approximately \$139,635. The funding reduction is being implemented by the federal government as a result of a shift in the national population. On March 7, 2012, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee voted to apply the 3.6 percent reduction evenly to all the services funded by SSBG and recommended approval of forwarding the revised FY 2013 Social Service Block Grant allocation recommendations to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

5G. Resolution of Support for Integration of FAA-Unmanned Aircraft Systems into the National Airspace System

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 contain specific direction to the Department of Transportation and the FAA to safely integrate unmanned and manned flight, including establishing six national test ranges. The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) is coordinating an effort to formally present Arizona's case to meet the FAA requirements for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) national test ranges. Three primary range locations and eight secondary options have been identified for FAA's consideration. The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) estimates that over the next 15 years, more than 23,000 jobs could be created in the United States as a result of UAS integration into the National Airspace System, and more than \$1.6 billion in wages. A draft resolution to support range locations in Arizona for the FAA-UAS National Test Ranges was developed and presented to the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). On March 6, 2012, the EDC recommended adopting a resolution to support Arizona being selected by the Federal Aviation Administration as one of the six national test ranges to Integrate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System. It is envisioned that the MAG Regional Council and Economic Development Committee members would be requested to sign the resolution if adopted.

5H. Resolution of Support for Arizona's Ports of Entry with Mexico

In December 2011, elected officials, business leaders and staff from Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties visited the Arizona ports of entry in Nogales and San Luis. The purpose of the trips was to better understand the challenges facing freight movement to and from Mexico and Arizona. As a result of these trips, a resolution of support for our borders was developed and reviewed by each organization. The resolution also was discussed at the February 27, 2012 Joint Planning Advisory Council (JPAC) meeting. Comments from this meeting were incorporated into the resolution. The draft resolution was presented to the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC). On March 6, 2012, the EDC recommended adoption of a resolution of support for Arizona's Ports of Entry with Mexico.

5I. Arizona Aerospace and Defense Website Project

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of providing the Arizona Commerce Authority up to \$16,000 as MAG's share of the Aerospace and Defense (A&D) Website enhancement project to improve the Arizona aerospace supply chain, to foster economic development and optimize the flow of freight supporting the A&D industry throughout Arizona. On June 7, 2011, the Economic Development Committee was provided a report on the A&D industry. It was noted that through better coordination of the supply chain, it would be possible to foster economic development and optimize the flow of freight supporting the A&D industry throughout Arizona. Since that time, the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), MAG and the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) have been working on enhancing the supply chain and mapping portion of the ACA Aerospace and Defense website. The website will include a portal where companies are able to update their own profiles. It will also include a built-in function that notifies companies when their profiles

need updating. Using the State Contract, a Request for Quotes was developed and two responses were received. The contract for this project is not to exceed \$60,000, with ACA contributing one-third (\$20,000), ADOT contributing one-third (\$20,000), and MAG and PAG sharing one-third according to population percentages (MAG \$16,000 and PAG \$4,000). On March 6, 2012, the MAG Economic Development Committee recommended approval of providing the Arizona Commerce Authority up to \$16,000 as MAG's share of the Aerospace and Defense Website enhancement project to improve the Arizona aerospace supply chain, to foster economic development and optimize the flow of freight supporting the A&D industry throughout Arizona.

5J. Consultant Selection for the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended that Moore & Associates be selected to conduct the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study at a cost not to exceed \$238,000. The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, as amended by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee in September 2011, includes \$78,000 for the Northwest Valley Local Transit System Study (to be matched with \$160,000 from the Arizona Department of Transportation. The study purpose is to identify opportunities and strategies for improving the existing transit service in the northwest valley and to develop a short, mid, and long range local transit plan that effectively provides local transit and para-transit circulation options within the northwest valley and also connects to the regional transit system. The project will be completed in a maximum of twelve (12) months from the date of the notice to proceed at a cost not to exceed \$238,000. On January 27, 2012, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to conduct the study. On March 8, 2012, a multi-agency evaluation team interviewed five consultant teams and recommended to MAG the selection of Moore & Associates to conduct the study.

6. Development of the Draft FY 2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Rebecca Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, provided a report on the development of the draft FY 2013 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget being presented for input. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft work program is presented in January each year beginning with the proposed dues and assessments. She noted that MAG staff is proposing that the dues and assessments be maintained for FY 2013 at the 50 percent level.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft proposed projects were presented in February and the program narratives and the estimated budget amounts by project and funding source including carry forward funding amounts are being presented in March.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the MAG capital budget typically includes equipment additions and replacements, mostly for staff computer equipment, and software purchases. She explained that the capital budget for FY 2013 includes accounting software and the purchase of two vehicles. Ms. Kimbrough stated that one of the vehicles is currently being leased by MAG with the lease expiring at the end of this fiscal year.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the indirect rate for FY 2013 is used to project cost amounts for the first draft of the budget each year; the cost detail of the budget is being prepared and will be

presented later. She stated that this first draft of the budget includes the regional transportation planning projects for the MAG region and she said that significant revisions are not anticipated.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that this first draft of the FY 2013 budget also will be the document used for the Intermodal Planning Group meeting on March 27, 2012. She explained that this meeting provides an opportunity for a review of the budget by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as MAG's partners: the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, RPTA, METRO, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Ms. Kimbrough noted that input from this meeting will be brought forth at the April Management Committee meeting.

Chair Meyer thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Dennis Smith noted that additional information on the draft budget would be presented in April and then the draft budget is submitted for approval in May. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the budget is presented incrementally to allow sufficient time for review of the budget.

Mr. Bacon expressed his appreciation for the excellent graphics.

Mr. Cleveland asked about the Don't Trash Arizona anti-litter campaign. He asked if there would be a process where the amount of litter at the outset and at the conclusion of the campaign would be documented.

Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, explained that through an evaluation survey, littering behaviors are measured, but the visible or amount of litter is not one of the metrics. She stated that it is difficult to document the amount of litter picked up in a certain area because it is subject to the number and cycles of the pickup crews dispatched by ADOT.

Dennis Smith stated that ADOT contracts for litter pickup and he was not sure if data on the amount of trash collected could be captured or not. Ms. Taft noted that crews pick up approximately 500 bags of trash per weekday from freeways in Maricopa County.

Mr. Cleveland asked for clarification that one of the metrics measured was the citizens' perceptions of the amounts of trash. Ms. Taft replied that was correct. She said that the survey asks respondents not only about their perceptions of the amount of trash, but also their habits, such as if they have littered.

Mr. Cleveland asked if the contracts for the Transportation Planning Services On-call program and the Traffic Signal Optimization On-call program were designed so that member agencies could move forward without conducting their own individual bidding process. Ms. Kimbrough replied that MAG joined S.A.V.E. Through that cooperative purchasing agreement, MAG and its member agencies can piggyback on each other's contracts. She said that she could provide the contact information for the program.

Mr. Cleveland stated that he looked forward to the Freight Transportation Study and he expressed his appreciation that member agencies were given access to aerial GIS data.

7. Possible Exploration of a Multi-Agency Enterprise Agreement for ESRI Software

Audrey Skidmore, MAG Information Technology Manager, stated that MAG has been exploring an Enterprise Licensing Agreement (ELA) with ESRI for GIS software. She noted that the agreement would be a three year commitment with unlimited usage of most ESRI software.

Ms. Skidmore explained the two types of ELA. A term agreement includes unlimited software use for term of agreement, but not ownership of the licenses. In contrast, a perpetual agreement is for unlimited software use for the term of the agreement and the licensee retains ownership of all licenses installed at the termination of the agreement. Ms. Skidmore stated that usually, only the term agreement is available to smaller agencies, so participating in an ELA with MAG would provide the opportunity for smaller agencies to take advantage of a perpetual agreement.

Ms. Skidmore stated that MAG has pursued some initial pricing and determined that this could be of significant benefit to smaller agencies. She noted that ESRI indicated preference for agencies under 10,000 in population, but would be willing to accept agencies under 15,000. Ms. Skidmore stated that MAG would act as the single point of contact for technical issues and license keys. It is anticipated that participating agencies would pick up the incremental costs of a larger agreement.

Ms. Skidmore stated that MAG's current maintenance contract expires at the beginning of May, so negotiations would need to be completed by May 1, 2012. She requested direction on whether to include interested smaller agencies in negotiations. Ms. Skidmore stated that if the direction is to proceed, she would need interested agencies to contact her by March 28, 2012.

Chair Meyer thanked Ms. Skidmore for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Dennis Smith requested Ms. Skidmore provide examples of cost savings and how the support would work because it passes through MAG.

Ms. Skidmore emphasized that the numbers provided were preliminary because it would be a negotiated agreement with final pricing dependent on the number and type of participants. She then provided the following example: Adding eight agencies with individual populations under 10,000 would add \$35,000 to the annual cost of the MAG agreement, or roughly \$4,500 per agency for a perpetual agreement. She said that the normal cost would be \$25,000 annually to each agency for a term agreement (no ownership of licenses). Ms. Skidmore noted that the incremental cost for adding Paradise Valley would be \$15,000 per year, as opposed to the usual \$35,000 per year for a term agreement. Ms. Skidmore stated that the requests to add El Mirage and Peoria were initially declined by ESRI.

Ms. Skidmore then addressed the technical support. She said that ESRI typically limits the number of contacts for an ELA and that under this agreement a trouble ticket would need to be opened by MAG, who would relay the information.

Chair Meyer asked for clarification of the ramifications for larger agencies. Ms. Skidmore replied that ESRI would not allow larger agencies to be a part of this agreement. She added that a number of larger agencies already have agreements and it might make sense for larger agencies to evaluate an ELA depending on their usage patterns.

Chair Meyer stated that he would like to hear from those who would be interested in participating.

Mr. Busby stated that Apache Junction has a population of 35,000, but is interested in seeing if ESRI would allow them to participate. He remarked that ESRI software is great and they currently use it.

Mr. Bacon stated that Paradise Valley would be interested in participating.

Mr. Buss stated that Gila Bend is interested in participating and its Planning Director is already working with MAG staff.

Mr. Wright stated that Wickenburg would be interested in participating.

Mr. Crossman stated that Litchfield Park staff is already working with MAG staff on this.

Ms. Skidmore noted that the costs are preliminary negotiated prices.

Chair Meyer summarized that there appears to be interest among the smaller agencies and also among the larger agencies to pursue participation.

8. MAG Municipal Aging Services Project Report

Jami Garrison, MAG staff, began the presentation on the Municipal Aging Services Project, which is how to meet the needs and tap into the talents of people aged 65 years and older in this region. Ms. Garrison expressed appreciation to the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for the grant to support the project.

Ms. Garrison gave a summary of the demographics of this region. She said that 12 percent of Maricopa County's 3.8 million residents are aged 65 and older and 31.5 percent of those who are non-institutionalized reported having a disability. For 2010, almost seven percent of the population aged 65 and older reported income below the federal poverty level. Growth of the 65 and older population from 2000 to 2010 was 103,662, or almost 30 percent.

Ms. Garrison displayed a slide of the Population Pyramid; the blue represented males and the pink represented females by age groups and percentage of population. In 1940 Maricopa County had a fairly balanced pyramid, but around 1946 the country experienced the post-war "Baby Boom" and by the 1950 decennial Census the emergence of the "Baby Boomers" is noticed. Ms. Garrison then played a progression of the Population Pyramid by decade and noted how the Baby Boomer generation moves through the distribution of the population. She also called attention to how the older population groups grow, especially the top two groups of ages 80-84 and 85 and older.

Ms. Garrison noted that by 2020 the 65 and older population is projected to grow by 237,000, a 51 percent increase. She remarked that this growth will lead to increased needs for services for the 65 and older population.

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services and Special Projects Manager, continued the presentation with a report on the results of interviews and focus groups conducted on behalf of the project. She said that the interviews focused on transportation and social participation, and to gain deeper insights about these areas, 19 focus groups with more than 200 people were conducted.

Ms. St. Peter stated that more than 1,000 respondents throughout the region were surveyed by mail and phone and indicated a desire to age in place and live independently.

Ms. St. Peter displayed a graph that showed people are generally satisfied with the services of parks and trails, volunteer opportunities, recreation, and arts and culture. She said when asked about senior centers, some people are generally satisfied and some are dissatisfied, but the majority are neutral on the topic. Ms. St. Peter said that this may be reflective of the relatively low number of people who frequent senior centers. Ms. St. Peter stated that not all respondents were satisfied with the services for employment, rent/utility assistance, affordable housing, and public transportation.

Ms. St. Peter noted that with approximately one-third of people not being satisfied with the public transportation system, many are concerned with losing their ability to drive. While 94 percent report driving, just under 90 percent report they drive as their primary mode of transportation. Ms. St. Peter stated that two thirds of the survey respondents see themselves driving in ten years, as opposed to nearly 90 percent currently. She noted that transit usage increases from 11 percent now and nearly triples to 30 percent in the future. Ms. St. Peter stated that this projected increase in transit usage translates into support for increased, more effective service throughout the region. If projections are correct, this means the number of seniors potentially using transit by 2020 will double.

Ms. St. Peter then addressed responses to the use of public and nonprofit indoor facilities. She said that many never access the programs currently being offered at indoor facilities. Nearly three quarters of respondents (73 percent) report never using facilities operated by local governments or nonprofit agencies, and within this number, 43 percent indicate lack of awareness as being the main reason. Ms. St. Peter stated that almost one-third reported they do not have time to visit these facilities, and 16 percent report getting support from other sources.

Ms. St. Peter reported on priorities for the future. She said that respondents indicated their desire for improvements in healthcare, transit, the supply of affordable housing, and additional services to care for those living alone. Ms. St. Peter stated that people expressed a strong fear of becoming prisoners in their own homes and being forgotten. Ms. St. Peter stated that these priorities present real implications for services like transit and dial a ride, the mental health system, rental assistance and public safety.

Ms. St. Peter stated that more than 200 people attended the Planning for the Next 100 Years event on February 15, 2012. Attendees at the workshops were asked how to start planning for these

impacts. Ms. St. Peter stated that a toolkit is being developed for local governments to use in meeting the needs of seniors. She said that the MAG region was chosen as one of five in the country to participate in the MetLife Foundation City Leaders Institute pilot project. Ms. St. Peter noted that people will be engaged through this project.

Chair Meyer thanked Ms. Garrison and Ms. St. Peter for their report. He noted that he was able to pass along information from the Municipal Aging Services Project to the City's Community Services Department and they were very interested. Chair Meyer stated that Dennis Smith had informed him that MAG staff would come out to cities and towns and give their presentation.

9. Update on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10

Lindy Bauer, MAG Environmental Director, provided an update on the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10. She noted that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has submitted the remaining information for the Draft MAG 2012 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 regarding their commitment to assess the effectiveness of the voluntary and emerging control measure (Dust Action General Permit) and information for the Agricultural Best Management Practices Program. Ms. Bauer stated that the draft plan document has now been completed and a public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2012.

Ms. Bauer stated that during the 30 day public comment period, discussions will continue between the ADEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the Agricultural Best Management Practices Program. Following the consideration of public comments, it is anticipated that action on the plan would be taken by the MAG Management Committee on May 9, 2012, and the MAG Regional Council on May 23, 2012. Ms. Bauer welcomed people to view both the full document and the executive summary that are posted on the MAG website.

Ms. Bauer stated that the region needs three years of clean data and it is anticipated that EPA will take action on the Plan in February 2013. She remarked that MAG member agencies maintaining their aggressive efforts to prevent exceedances at the monitors and throughout the region is critical. Ms. Bauer noted that to-date in 2012, there have been three PM-10 exceptional event exceedances due to frontal system high winds and residual dust. She also noted that there was concern for the recent fire that occurred in Buckeye that coincided with high winds, however, the region did not exceed the standard.

Ms. Bauer held up a copy of the 200-page report prepared by ADEQ with the technical assistance from Maricopa County, consultants, and MAG staff, to document the exceptional events that occurred from July 2 to 8, 2011. She noted that the report for five days took six months to prepare and she added that the documentation for the remaining 12 packages of exceptional events for 2011 still needs to be prepared.

Ms. Bauer stated that on March 2, 2012, EPA sent a letter to MAG indicating that EPA would consider the MAG comments on the draft exceptional events guidance and the conceptual approach for streamlining the process by enabling states and tribes to make the exceptional events determinations, after consultation with EPA.

Ms. Bauer stated that State Representative Reeve's bill, HB 2798," has cleared the House. She explained that the bill would require cities, towns, the county, and state agencies to report to ADEQ by March 30 annually how they are implementing measures.

Ms. Bauer stated that the My Turn article written by MAG Regional Council Chair Hugh Hallman was published by The Arizona Republic. She noted that its publication was delayed because The Arizona Republic inadvertently misplaced it. Ms. Bauer expressed appreciation that the facts were presented on the region's efforts to control PM-10.

Chair Hallman thanked Ms. Bauer for her report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

10. APS Peak Solutions Program

Matt Pool from Comverge provided a report on the Peak Solutions Program for APS. Mr. Pool introduced Joel Fisher, also from Comverge. He began his report by saying that Comverge administers the program for APS and explained that it is a demand response program in which APS customers are paid \$31.50 per committed kilowatt to shed electrical consumption in the event of an emergency. Mr. Pool advised that APS has not yet called an emergency.

Mr. Pool stated that the APS Peak Solutions Program is a no cost, no penalty program to APS commercial and industrial customers. He noted that Comverge currently is enrolling participants for the third program season. Mr. Pool said that there is no penalty for partial participation if an event is called.

Mr. Pool stated that the program period runs for four months: from June 1 through September 30, seven days per week from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. He stated that there is a one-hour self test before the season starts and an in-season test that last four to six hours. Mr. Pool stated that agencies can specify their notification time: from 10 minutes to two hours. He said that Comverge installs digital control units at no charge to the customer, and during an event, the units power on and power off cooling units. He noted that events will not be called for less than one hour or for more than six hours. Mr. Pool indicated that this program was developed to help alleviate rolling brownouts or blackouts. He stated that they have a bank of about 100 megawatts, where large companies have agreed to shed 100 megawatts in case of an emergency. Mr. Pool stated that customers are requested to participate for a minimum of 36 months.

Chair Meyer asked the scale of customer expected to participate. Mr. Pool replied that they call the typical client a large commercial industrial client, and he added that entities in metro Phoenix and Yuma are eligible to participate. He stated that their customers range from 80 kilowatts and up.

Chair Meyer asked if a customer could reduce a portion of its usage or would have to go to zero usage. Mr. Pool replied that the decision is totally up to the customer. He said that typically he introduces the program and then checks to see if it is a good fit. If it is not, the customer is not obligated to participate. Mr. Pool stated that Comverge staff will sit down with an entity's staff, such as the director of engineering or facility engineer, to review the list of a facility's equipment and get an idea if a piece of equipment can be turned off or not or whether the temperature can

be raised a couple of degrees. Mr. Pool noted that a manufacturing facility that participates in the program uses the shutdown period to do its maintenance, which essentially means that they are being paid to do the maintenance that they would do anyway.

Chair Meyer stated that a city could shut down treatment for awhile at a water treatment plant, but still keep the equipment operating at the idling level.

Dennis Smith asked if any agencies were participating in the program and how it works for them.

Mr. Crossman stated that this the first year of participation for Litchfield Park, but it has worked well and saved the city about \$2,500.

11. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG Intergovernmental Policy Coordinator, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He reported that MAG staff continues to work with the Congressional Delegation on issues related to PM-10, and he noted that Congressman Flake has been especially helpful. Mr. Pryor reported how Congressman Flake attended an EPA budget hearing recently and called attention to the dust storms in the region.

Mr. Pryor stated that this Friday is the Congressional Western Caucus, a GOP-led body, and they will discuss issues relative to EPA and public lands. He said that MAG has been contacted to provide testimony at the hearing and that MAG has been working with Mesa Mayor Scott Smith to provide testimony.

Mr. Pryor then addressed federal surface transportation reauthorization. He said that the U. S. Senate passed its surface transportation reauthorization bill that morning. Mr. Pryor stated that it is a two-year bill with a slight funding increase that consolidates a number of programs, but there are concerns about what it means for metro areas. He noted an amendment by Senator Bagich assured distributions to regions did not make it into the bill. Mr. Pryor stated that efforts will continue through the National Association of Regional Councils, National League of Cities, and the U. S. Conference of Mayors to ensure that the amendment is included in a bill.

Mr. Pryor stated that on the House side there is disarray and there might be a change in leadership. He said that they do not have the votes and effectively have no bill. This is important because the Senate has to hold its bill until they get a House version due to financial implications. Mr. Pryor stated that all of this is leading to the March 31 expiration of reauthorization legislation, however, there might be an extension to Memorial Day. He also noted that reauthorization might be done in 2013 due to the primaries and the presidential election seasons this year.

Mr. Pryor pointed out that a legislative summary was at each place. He stated that HB 2469, revenue allocation districts, continues to move forward. Mr. Pryor explained that this is related to the financial tools that enable localities to undertake economic development projects, similar to the financial tools that were used by the Utah Transit Authority and explained on the tour there last year.

Mr. Pryor stated that HB 2586 is a bill to warn of dangerous conditions within the Arizona/Mexico border area. He explained that it would create a 62-mile zone in the area of the border for posting warnings about illegal drug use and human trafficking. Mr. Pryor stated that there were concerns for the perceptions of the state and impacts to tourism and commerce were identified. He stated that the tourism industry, chambers of commerce, the Nogales Port Authority, agriculture industry, opposed the bill and its sponsor has now stopped the bill hearing.

Chair Meyer thanked Mr. Pryor for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Chair Meyer asked for a presentation on I-10, which is the primary east/west corridor in the region. He stated that the Transportation Policy Committee is looking at the project, specifically as it travels through the Broadway Curve. Chair Meyer stated that this area has the most congestion in the system and it might be useful to receive an update on the project's status. No objections to a presentation were noted.

13. Comments from the Committee

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Vice Chair Cavazos introduced high school students representing the "Be A Leader Foundation." He said that the organization is very much supported by the Mayor and Council of the City of Phoenix. The group was applauded.

Chair Meyer stated that this is one of the last Management Committee meetings for David Smith. He recognized Mr. Smith for his outstanding service, not only to the people of Maricopa County, but to the nation. Chair Meyer illustrated Mr. Smith's service: three years in Vietnam as a Marine and in numerous jurisdictional positions throughout the State of New York. He noted that among Mr. Smith's awards, he had been named 2001 Government Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine and received the 2008 American Society of Public Administrators National Public Service Award. He has served on the Valley of the Sun United Way Board since 1996. Chair Meyer stated that Mr. Smith's career represents a public service career to envy and appreciate and he said Mr. Smith had given his entire adult life to public service.

David Smith thanked Chair Meyer for his kind words, and he said that after 17 years it was time for him to do something else. Mr. Smith remarked that an internal mechanism tells you it is time. He added that it was nice to have the municipal aging services item on the agenda because he

turns 66 the following day. Mr. Smith stated that if he could impart words of wisdom to future retirees it would be to find a new sense of opportunity. He stated that turning over the job to a successor is part of the process. Mr. Smith noted that the establishment of a council/manager form of government at Maricopa County has had positive effects and will live on. He remarked that in downturns jurisdictions with this form of government fare better by having a professional way of doing business. Mr. Smith expressed that being associated with professionals such as the members of the Management Committee has been personally rewarding and he expressed appreciation for what MAG has accomplished in enhancing life in the community. Mr. Smith stated that he would probably be replaced by a long-time department director, but the Board of Supervisors would make that announcement at the appropriate time. He stated that he might pursue some opportunities with a government relations firm after retirement and he offered his assistance to members on projects if they needed him.

The Management Committee gave a standing ovation to Mr. Smith.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Crossman moved, Mr. McClendon seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary